

Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4  
Section 6 and 7  
Fire Chief and Fire Coordinator Responsibilities

**Fire chief, municipalities**

6 (1) If a fire department is established for the whole or a part of a municipality or for more than one municipality, the council of the municipality or the councils of the municipalities, as the case may be, shall appoint a fire chief for the fire department.

**Same**

(2) The council of a municipality or the councils of two or more municipalities may appoint one fire chief for two or more fire departments.

**Responsibility to council**

(3) A fire chief is the person who is ultimately responsible to the council of a municipality that appointed him or her for the delivery of fire protection services.

**Fire chief, territory without municipal organization**

(4) If a fire department is established in territory without municipal organization under subsection 3 (2), the agreement shall provide for the appointment of a fire chief.

**Powers of fire chief**

(5) The fire chief may exercise all the powers assigned to him or her under this Act within the territorial limits of the municipality and within any other area in which the municipality has agreed to provide fire protection services, subject to any conditions specified in the agreement.

**Delegation**

(6) A fire chief may delegate his or her powers or duties under sections 14, 19 and 20 and such other powers and duties as may be prescribed to any firefighter or class of firefighters, subject to such limitations, restrictions or conditions as may be prescribed or set out in the delegation. 1997, c. 4, s. 6.

**Fire co-ordinators**

7 (1) The Fire Marshal may appoint fire co-ordinators for such areas as may be designated in the appointment. 1997, c. 4, s. 7 (1).

## **Duties**

- (2) A fire co-ordinator shall, subject to the instructions of the Fire Marshal,
- (a) establish and maintain a mutual aid plan under which the fire departments that serve the designated area agree to assist each other in the event of an emergency; and
  - (b) perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Fire Marshal. 1997, c. 4, s. 7 (2); 2002, c. 18, Sched. N, s. 1.

## **Municipal by-laws**

- 7.1 (1) A council of a municipality may pass by-laws,
- (a) regulating fire prevention, including the prevention of the spreading of fires;
  - (b) regulating the setting of open air fires, including establishing the times during which open air fires may be set;
  - (c) designating private roads as fire routes along which no parking of vehicles shall be permitted and providing for the removal and impounding of any vehicle parked or left along any of the fire routes at the expense of the owner of the vehicle. 2001, c. 25, s. 475 (3).

## **Definition**

- (2) For the purpose of clause (1) (c),
- “private road” means any private road, lane, ramp or other means of vehicular access to or from a building or structure and may include part of a parking lot. 2001, c. 25, s. 475 (3).

## **Scope**

- (3) A by-law under this section may deal with different areas of the municipality differently. 2001, c. 25, s. 475 (3).

## **Officer**

- (4) A municipality may appoint an officer to enter upon land and into structures at any reasonable time to inspect the land and structures to determine whether by-laws enacted in accordance with this section are being complied with. 2001, c. 25, s. 475 (3).

### **Exercise of power**

(5) The exercise of powers by an officer appointed under this section shall be carried out in accordance with Part XIV of the Municipal Act, 2001, other than clause 431 (a) of that Act or with Part XV of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, other than paragraph 4 of subsection 375 (1) of that Act, as the case may be. 2001, c. 25, s. 475 (3); 2006, c. 32, Sched. C, s. 20 (1).